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21 MS. McKINNEY: My name is Patricia McKinney. I
22 live in Amargosa Valley.

23 When I was growing up, my father worked for the a
24 Atomic Energy Commission in Oakridge, Tennessee. When that
25 work was done, then we moved back to Texas and then eventually
1 moved to Amargosa.

2 It's a desert. I never thought there was beauty
3 to a desert until I got here. There is beauty. I enjoy living
4 in Amargosa, and my husband works at the Nevada Test Site. Has
5 done so for many years. He talked to you earlier.

6 Due to the fact that he has worked out there and
7 has seen very much out there and all of the information that we
8 have states that there has been a lot of work done out there
9 that has been experimental and they've learned a lot and they
10 have safety in their utmost provisions for doing anything now
11 because they did -- did find out how dangerous the atomic bomb
12 was and how dangerous the hydrogen bomb was and now the nuclear
13 and all that kind of stuff. I've got a fly bugging here.

14 MR. BROWN: It's been over here, too. It looks
15 like you're waving at everybody, but it's a fly.

16 MS. McKINNEY: But anyway, and as long as they
17 have done studies and they have done study after study after
18 study after study for this and that and they have gone through
19 all of the information that they have and they have come up
20 with the best that they can give you, and if they didn't know
21 about the dairy being built out here a couple of years ago and
22 having X amount of cows out here pooping in our river and
23 contaminating it, well then that's really not their fault.

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24 But I know somebody whose fault it is, but
25 nevertheless, we do have different ideas here. I know that I
1 am in a minority.

2 2 But anyway, the thing about it is as long as they
3 do it as safely as they possibly can and take care of it as
4 much as they possibly can with safety factors built in in case
5 of the unknown entity that would be an accident or what have
6 you, I see nothing wrong with putting it out there because
7 there's not any place else in the nation that is as well
8 qualified for it as it is out there.

9 And I also know that -- the state office doesn't
10 want it, the county commissioners don't want it and a even poor
11 Amargosa families don't want it because they've gone caught
12 every which way.

13 They've got Ash Meadows to one side of us, Yucca
14 Mountain one side of it, low waste dump out there. Then got
15 Death Valley over there, they've got Funeral Mountains to
16 entertain us going into Death Valley and what have you.

17 That really sounds good for Amargosa. You tell
18 somebody "I live next to Death Valley and the Funeral Mountains
19 are right there" and it really sounds good, but we really and
20 truly have a beautiful valley, and if they do this safely, we
21 can still have a beautiful valley.

3 22 We will have more of an influx of people that
23 will come here to live. I'm quite sure of that, and I hope
24 that they do take care of the problems that Amargosa Valley
25 itself; not Nye County and not the State of Nevada, but

1 Amargosa will take care of X amount of influx of people for
2 schooling their children, housing and medical and
3 transportation.

4 You know they ought to think of all of these
5 things and they ought to consider the people that live next to
6 Yucca Mountain more so than the people that live in Las Vegas
7, because they're way away from us.